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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | <i>Inventor(s)</i> | James M. Holden; et al | | |
| | <i>Title</i> | APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF DIFFRACTING STRUCTURES | | |
| | <i>Serial No.</i> | 09/670,000 | <i>Filed</i> | SEPTEMBER 25, 2000 |
| | <i>Examiner</i> | CHIH-CHENG GLEN KAO | <i>Group Art No.</i> | 2882 |
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$450.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1,590.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2,160.00 |

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$510.

☒ This amount is shown in the attached fee transmittal.

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2263.

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The undersigned is the attorney of record.

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